



know how to dry your hands. Or apply sunscreen. Or slip on a condom. Yes, we mean stuff *that* simple.

The point is not to make you feel stupid but to help you do something smart. In other words, we want to help you take hold of the controls before you crash. "Making small corrections to the things you're already doing can have a major impact on your overall health," says Ted Epperly, M.D., the *Men's Health* family medicine advisor. Now about that condom...



Applying sunscreen

MISTAKE: WASHING YOUR HANDS AFTERWARD

This is one time you don't want to wash your hands. If you suds up after slathering on sunscreen, you leave a crucial surface exposed to harmful UV rays. "I frequently see accelerated aging on the hands because people forget to apply sunscreen there," says Northwestern University dermatologist Amy Derick, M.D. Apply about as much sunscreen to your hands as you would if you were moisturizing with lotion—and don't forget your nails. Yes, they're dead cells, but the tissue underneath is active and susceptible to melanoma and other skin cancers, the Skin Cancer Foundation warns.